

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present Office Action. Claims 1-4, 10-17 and 23-25 are rejected, Claims 5-9, 18-22 and 26-31 are objected to, and Claims 26-31 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognition of allowable claims and offer the following amendments and arguments in response to the rejections.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1-4, 17 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,765,036 to Lim. However, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of allowable Claim 5, including the intervening limitations of Claims 2 and 3, into Claim 1. Lim does not teach the limitations of Claim 1 as amended.

Claims 17 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lim, Examiner referencing the above rejection as authority. Applicants have, in the interest of expeditious allowance, amended Claim 17 by incorporating into it the limitations of allowable Claim 18. As amended, Claim 17 is not anticipated by Lim. Claim 23 is dependent from, and further limits, Claim 17. As Claim 17 is now allowable, Claim 23 is now allowable.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 10-16 and 24-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being made obvious by Lim. Claims 10-16 depend from Claim 1. As Claim 1 is now allowable, the rejection of Claims 10-16 is traversed as Claims 10-16 include further limitations to allowable Claim 1. Claims 10-16 are allowable.

Claims 24-25 depend from Claim 23. As Claim 23 is now shown to be allowable above, the rejection of Claims 24-25 are traversed as Claims 24-25 include further limitations to allowable Claim 23. Claims 24-25 are allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-31 are recognized as allowable over the prior art of record. However, Claim 26 is amended herein to correct a minor informality. Applicants thank the Examiner for this recognition of allowable subject matter.

Claims 5-9 and 18-22 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but are recognized as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this recognition. However, Applicants have cancelled Claim 5 and have incorporated its limitations, along with the limitations of Claims 2 and 3, into Claim 1. The objection to Claim 5 is now moot. Claims 6-9 depend from now-allowable Claim 1 and thus the basis for the objections to Claims 6-9 is removed. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections to Claims 6-9.

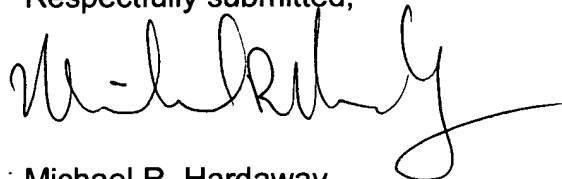
Applicants have also cancelled Claim 18 and have incorporated its limitations into now-allowable Claim 17. The objection to Claim 18 is now moot and should be withdrawn. Claims 19-22 depend from now-allowable Claim 17 and thus the basis for the objections to Claims 19-22 is removed. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the objections to Claims 19-22.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present Office Action. Claims 1-4, 10-17 and 23-25 are rejected, Claims 5-9, 18-22 and 26-31 are objected to, and Claims 26-31 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognition of allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 17, 19, 22 and 26 have been amended herein. Claims 2-3, 5 and 18 have been cancelled herein. No new matter is introduced by the entry of the present amendments. All remaining claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, the Applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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